



*St. Mary* OF THE *Expectation*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

MARCH 3, 2024 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:30 PM Live & Streamed  
Sunday | 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM  
Monday | 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John Rooney, OP (Gal/Hou)  
Pastor  
Deacon George Blanford  
Deacon Russ Carroll  
Deacon Fritz Claydon  
Deacon Andy DeYoung

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-K Through 8th Grade  
281-332-4014 | stmarylc.org

### Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM

See the Lenten Penance Schedule  
on the back page.

### Baptism

Contact the Parish Office or visit our  
website for forms.

### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office for a  
marriage packet and information.

### Communion for the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to make  
arrangements.

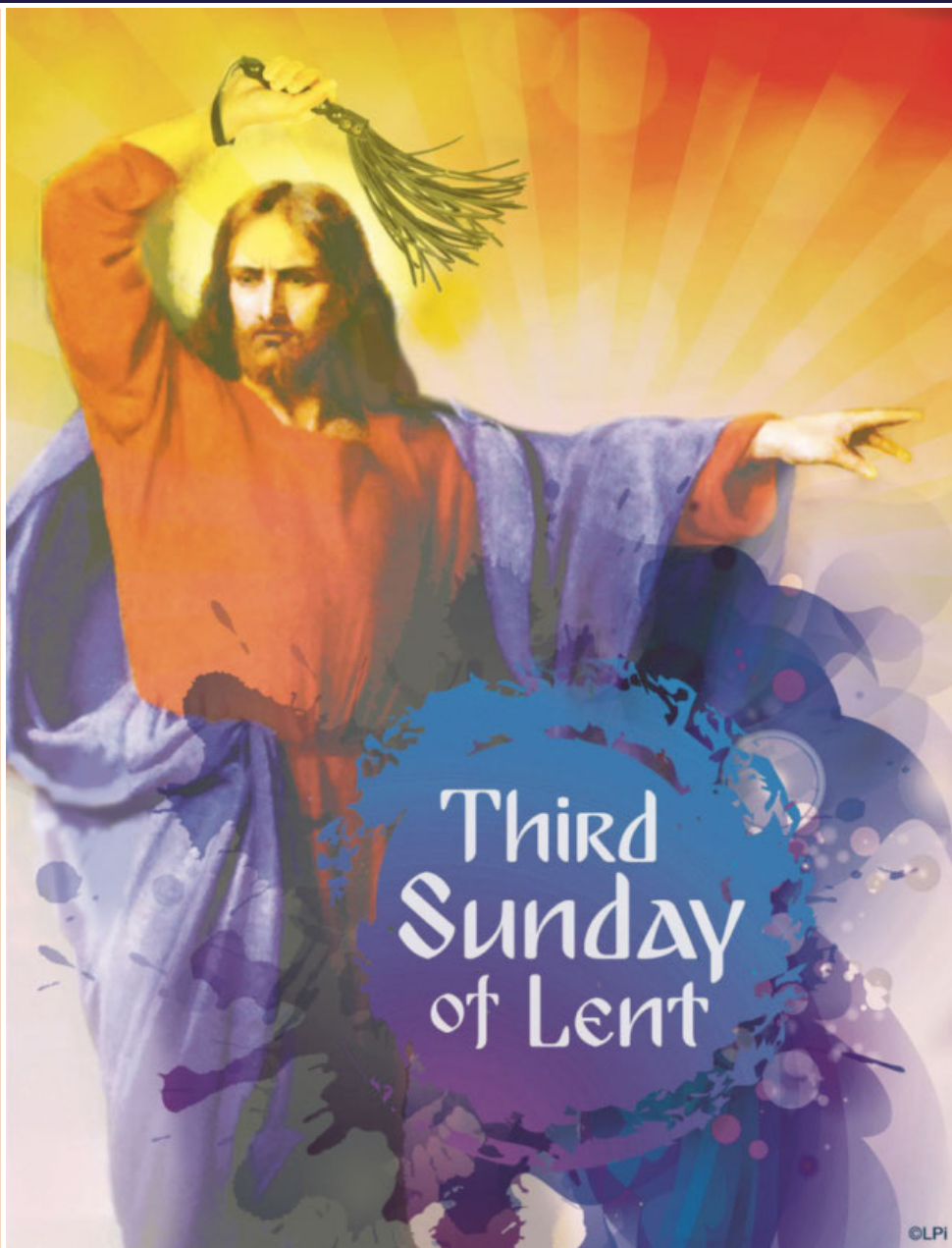
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### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Fri | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Ministry Office Hours

Elementary FF | Youth Ministry |  
RCIA Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2, 2024

4:30 PM - Charlene Galetka †

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30 AM - People of the Parish  
10:15 AM - Charlie Schaeffer †  
12:00 PM - John McErlean †

Monday, March 4, 2024

7:00 PM - Lou Rourke †

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:30 AM - Ana Maria Rivera †

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:30 AM - Theodore P. Basior †

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30 AM - Rosauro Gregorio †

Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:30 PM - Rosauro Gregorio †

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30 AM - Nancy LeBlanc †  
10:15 AM - Gary Noto †  
12:00 PM - People of the Parish  
† deceased

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ann O'Malley, John Bertolini,  
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Jackson • Willie & Margaret  
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Ann Frank • Pat & Carroll Duffin •  
Lesa Gaffey, Bernard Roan,  
Bessilyn Piazza, Carol Base,  
Harold Kingham, August Bishop,  
Elroy Bishop, Kaylee Klyng,  
Cindy Johnson, Shauna  
Billingsley • • Charles Brady,  
Sandra McDermott • Larry  
Johnston, Tyler Bordelon,  
Vincent Pistone, Eileen McHale •  
John Salinas, John Michael  
Salinas, Judy Duran, Sheri  
Reznicek • Melanie Granberry  
Bobrowski • London Dialas, Pam  
Sowa, Betsy Rimmer, Jean  
Dupuis • Wayne Wright, Jimmy  
Sissom, Lisa Parmer • Bill and  
Anna Demus, Joe Arena

PARISH CALENDAR

MON 4	Yoga	9:00 AM	Matthew/Mark
TUES 5	Bible Timeline Study Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary RCIA	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 7:00-9:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Cargill Hall Gabriel Luke/John
WED 6	Lenten Day of Prayer Grief Support Group RCIC-Year 2 K-5 Faith Formation St. Luke Penance Service	9:30 AM-2:00 PM 10:00 AM-12:00 PM 5:45-7:00 PM 6:00-7:15 PM 7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall Luke/John School Library School Building Houston
THURS 7	Women's Study Ladies Auxiliary Bible Timeline Study St. Helen Penance Service	9:15-11:15 AM 7:00-9:00 PM 6:30-8:30 PM 7:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Luke/John Matthew/Mark Pearland
FRI 8	Fish Fry Stations of the Cross	5:00-8:00 PM 7:00 PM	Church Church
SAT 9	Legion of Mary Acies	8:30 AM	Church
SUN 10	K-5 Faith Formation Parish Blood Drive	9:00 & 10:45 AM 8:00 AM-2:00 PM	School Building Cargill Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4;  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43;  
Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**  
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;  
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Mass Intentions are booked quarterly. We are now scheduling Masses for the second quarter of 2024 (April, May, and June).

You may request two Mass Intentions per household. One of those days can be a weekend Mass and the other a daily Mass.

All requests must be made in person at the parish office.

SILENT PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a Prayer Warrior for the group, please call Gary at 281-332-1303.

DSF SPOTLIGHT: WE ARE THE LORD’S



*We are the Lord's*

This week, we invite the Faithful to prayerfully consider giving to DSF and bring Christ to those in our own parish communities, in our neighborhoods, in our towns, and throughout the Archdiocese. Through your generosity, you will live out our Faith in an authentic and inspiring way.

[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf)

**SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT** →



Our 2024 campaign to support the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) has begun. Follow the link below to pray with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for this year’s DSF campaign. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTxF6HBTOW](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTxF6HBTOW)

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to register as a parishioner or update your existing information with the parish, call the office or visit our website’s ‘New to the Parish’ section. We are excited you are here!

BULLETIN REQUESTS

To receive the bulletin by email or to submit items for consideration to be printed in the bulletin, send an email to [bulletin@saintmcc.org](mailto:bulletin@saintmcc.org) with your request. All information must be submitted 10 days before the Sunday you would like to be included.

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Director of Elementary Faith Formation

Incoming Director of Elementary Faith Formation

Director of Youth Ministry

Director of Adult Faith Formation

Coordinator of RCIA-C

Coordinator of 1st Communion/Reconciliation

**Administrative Assistants**

Bookkeeping

Sacramental Records • Marriage • Mass Intentions

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Baptisms • Elementary FF • Adult Ministry • RCIA-C

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NO MONEY KEPT ON PREMISES  
WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 25, 2024

Regular Collection.....	\$20,839.65
Faith Direct.....	\$15,851.06
Subtotal.....	\$36,690.71
Budgeted Weekly.....	\$31,319.61
Difference.....	\$5,371.10



DSF 2024 UPDATE

Parish Goal.....	\$175,000
Donations.....	\$26,018.06
Remaining Balance.....	\$148,981.94
DSF Donors.....	121

ONLINE GIVING

We are always thankful for your contributions in whatever way you choose to give.

Our online giving options, either one-time or recurring, can be found at [www.saintmcc.org/give](http://www.saintmcc.org/give) or by scanning the QR code.





# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are looking for good Catholic gentleman age 18 and over to become members of St. Mary Knights of Columbus council 9310.

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 PM  
Cargill Hall

Scan QR code to apply.



For more information contact Rene Garza at 363-215-8958 or [rene.garza@hotmail.com](mailto:rene.garza@hotmail.com)

## MEN'S ACTS TEAM DISCERNMENT

The Men's ACTS Team is now accepting applications for anyone interested in being a member of the Men's Retreat Team. The retreat is scheduled for September 5-8, 2024. You must have previously attended an ACTS retreat.



Team member applications can be found on our parish website: [www.saintmcc.org/future-acts-retreats](http://www.saintmcc.org/future-acts-retreats) or by scanning the QR code below. Turn in or mail applications to the parish office or email it to the Director, Tom Helget, at [Zhelgets@comcast.net](mailto:Zhelgets@comcast.net).

Questions may be addressed to Tom Helget at 623-217-7294.



Team applications are due by March 31, 2024.

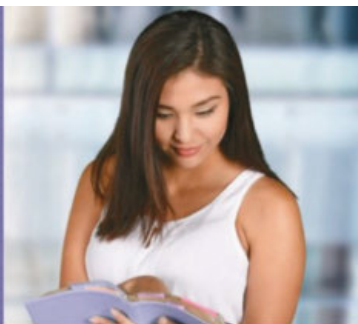
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## LADIES AUXILIARY

The League City Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is an organization for all women of St. Mary of the Expectation. We establish a creative outlet for the wives of the Knights of Columbus and the women of the parish to grow spiritually, socially, and civically. Our objective is to provide limited scholarships to senior high school students who are registered members of St. Mary of the Expectation Church and meet certain requirements.

### Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Annual Dues: \$15

Come join us for fellowship!!!!




## MARCH PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION

### For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

CLEAR LAKE AREA

**LIFE**  **TEEN**

Reunion

**MARCH 17, 2024**

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
League City, TX    Presider - Fr. Dominic Pistone

4:45 pm - Praise & Worship    5:00 pm - Mass  
Dinner and program to follow in Annunciation Hall

We are happy to announce a Life Teen Reunion Mass and dinner. The Life Teen program in the Clear Lake area began in 1998 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nassau Bay under the leadership of Fr. Dominic Pistone. The success of the program was such that many young lives were changed and lasting friendships were made. The program eventually spread to the other Catholic churches in the Clear Lake area. Our desire is to bring together Life Teen "alumni", volunteers and their families for worship and fellowship and as a witness to our current high school students, who are also invited, that what they nurture in high school will have lasting fruits. Please join us for this celebration.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

We will have a second collection next week for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The CRS supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Your prayers and support will make a difference! For more information visit:

[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, Catholic Relief Services work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS - SENIORS

All parishioners are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross for Seniors. The devotions at each of the 14 stations link Christ's passion and death with the trials and challenges our senior brothers and sisters face as they grow older.

A link to this devotion can be found on our parish YouTube channel as well as our website: [www.saintmcc.org/lenten-resources](http://www.saintmcc.org/lenten-resources)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SESSION

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life as you grieve a loved one. Our group meets weekly to help and encourage each other after the loss of a loved one.



**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

February 21 - May 29

(Please see the leader for scheduled days off.)

Registration: [www.saintmcc.org/grief-support](http://www.saintmcc.org/grief-support)

## St. Mary of the Expectation Fun Run 9th Annual 5K and Kids' 1K

**Saturday,  
April 13, 2024**

Proceeds of the event go to support our Youth Ministry programs. The St. Mary Youth greatly appreciate your support and contributions!



*"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" - Hebrews 12:1*

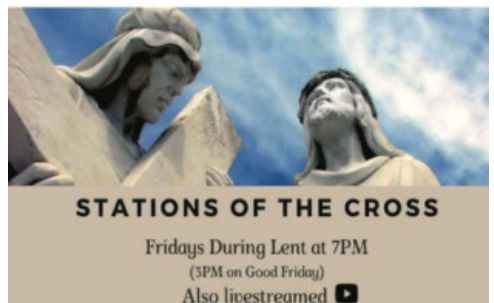
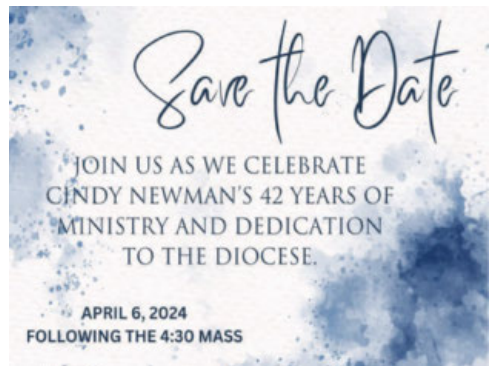
Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available online: [saintmcc.org/funrun](http://saintmcc.org/funrun)



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to our parish community that are home bound.

If you would like to give a small amount of your time this Lenten season to those that can not physically attend Mass, please call the parish office. God Bless!





# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
(Married and Single)

**WE WANNA KNOW!**



**Tell us how you really feel by taking a 3-minute survey!**

Go on...it'll only take a minute and will help us better serve our Young Adult Church!

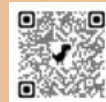
## THE FIRST SCRUTINY—RCIA

Today marks an important day for the Elect in the Catholic Church. The term “Elect” is what the Church calls those who have been elected by the Bishop, after preparing for many months or years, to be baptized and fully received into the Catholic Church. Today, these Elect will undergo the first of three Scrutinies during the Liturgy. “The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life” (RCIA 141). Please remember all of the Elect, as well as the Candidates who are already baptized and waiting for full communion, in your prayers today and for the rest of Lent and beyond.

HEAVENLY FATHER,  
GRANT THE ELECT AND CANDIDATES  
THE COURAGE TO ANSWER YOUR CALL,  
LOUDLY AND CLEARLY. THE COURAGE  
TO GIVE YOU THEIR NAME AND SO GIVE  
YOU THEIR LIFE, THAT THEY MAY  
RECEIVE THE NAME OF YOUR SON, JESUS  
CHRIST, AND MAKE EACH DAY OF THEIR  
NEW LIFE IN HIM A PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
TO HIS HOLY NAME. AMEN.

## CURRENT STUDIES:

Registration and further details for our studies are available in the Ministry Building and on our parish website. [www.saintmcc.org](http://www.saintmcc.org)



*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*  
A 24-Part Bible Study featuring Jeff Cavins

Final 12 Sessions  
**TUESDAY MORNINGS**

9:15 - 11:15 AM  
January 16 - April 16

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**

6:30 - 8:30 PM  
January 18 - April 18

For information, contact: [stlindablackwood@aol.com](mailto:stlindablackwood@aol.com).

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP



**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY – A PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**  
by Fr. Michael Gaitley

**THURSDAY MORNINGS**

9:15 – 11:15 AM  
February 15 – March 21, 2024

For more details, contact: [charlapratt@comcast.net](mailto:charlapratt@comcast.net)

# YOUNG CHURCH MOVEMENT & FAITH FORMATION

## HOT TAKE

Had a rough week, month, or year? Well maybe it's your fault! Yikes, that might seem harsh (you are reading the "hot take"), but let me explain myself. Sometimes, we like to complain and make things seem worse than they are. The first reading from today's Mass is evidence of that. The Israelites are complaining about how terrible it is in the desert and how they were better off in Egypt. Although that might not sound terrible on the surface, we must remember that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. So they are literally telling Moses that it would be better to be slaves than to have to put up with life in the desert. I think this is a perfect example of what I mean when I say your rough week or season of life might be your fault. I don't mean to minimize your personal trials and it is possible your current situation is not your fault at all. But oftentimes the thing that makes our situation so bad is our mindset. Is living in the desert as a free person worse than living as a slave in Egypt? Of course not. Likewise, is your job really that bad or are you just complaining like all your coworkers do? Is your school, which so many children throughout the world wish they could attend, that terrible? Is being single the worst thing that could happen to you? I'll let you answer these questions, but as Catholics we are called to be people of joy despite suffering. We are called to be lights in the world (Matt. 5:16). We can control our mindset (unless we have certain mental health conditions) and like the Israelites we can often become jaded and miss God's many blessings in our life. Let us not become hard of heart as God will not give us a trial we can't handle (1. Cor 10:13). Be blessed.

-David



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 3	Chosen LifeTeen	5:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
		7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
MAR 4	Teen Leadership	5:00 PM	Conference Room
MAR 6	EDGE	6:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
MAR 10	NO Life Teen No Chosen *Spring Break*		
MAR 11	NO Teen Leadership *Spring Break*		

## 2024-2025 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD (CHEAPEST) RATE.



## 9TH ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN

Use the QR Code below to register for or sponsor our annual 5k Fun Run. All proceeds go to our youth ministry.



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# ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



## DONATE: CRS RICE BOWLS

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## TAKE A BREAK

Spring Break begins in one week. There are **NO** faith formation classes on the following dates:

Sunday, March 10

Wednesday, March 13

Sunday, March 17



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

It is the Passover, and Jesus goes to the temple for quiet prayer. When he gets there, he sees table after table of merchants and moneychangers. The sight and sounds must have been incredible. Jesus is angry because they have a lack of respect for God's sacred space. He turns over their tables and drives them out. Jesus' anger is certainly clear in his cleansing of the temple.

This isn't the first time we see Jesus show his feelings. At different times in the Gospels we see Jesus sad, happy, frustrated, afraid, and even angry. Jesus was comfortable expressing his feelings, and he expressed them in appropriate ways. Psychologists tell us that feelings are neither good nor bad, they just are. It is what we do with those feelings that really matters. We need tears and laughter to help us heal emotionally and physically. Fear helps to get the adrenaline going when we need to move fast and protect ourselves.

Expressing our anger justly is also appropriate in the right settings. Sometimes children should see their parents angry to help them understand the seriousness of a situation. However, make sure the response is nonviolent and appropriate to the wrong-doing. Never respond unless you are certain you are in control of your

feelings. If need be, take a long walk. Anger must never lead to physical or emotional abuse of another person.

Some people need to get help in finding healthy outlets for their anger. Holding in our feelings can be dangerous. Anger will find its way out, often in unhealthy ways like letting it out at the wrong person, or unintentionally hurting another or ourselves. Like everything else that is difficult in life, anger is best mastered when we realize we can't handle it alone, and we ask for God's help.

**What things do people do that make me angry? Since I can't control their behavior, what can I do to express it in honest and healthy ways?**

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## Jesus Cleanses the Temple



## SAVE THE DATES - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### VBS 2024: JUNE 10-14



**Registration opens in April!**

Adult and youth volunteers, 7th grade and above, will be needed and appreciated.

Registration info and additional details will be coming in future bulletins, emails and on our parish website.





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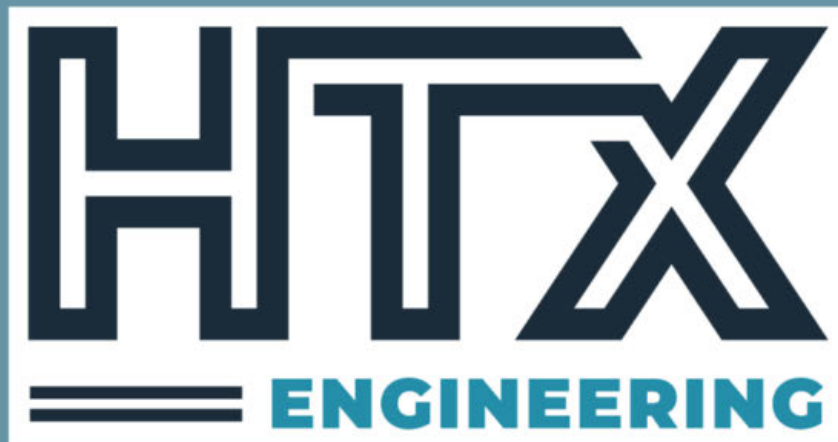
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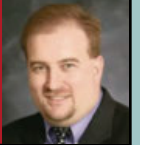
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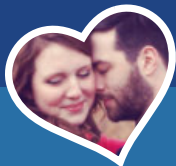


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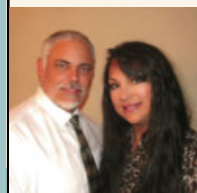
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